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Sports bar  
officially open

By Susan McMillin

Conestoga's new sports bar is officially open. It's a place where you can relax and watch the action from the comfort of a bar.

The bar, named the Conestoga Sports Bar, is located on the second floor of the Conestoga Plaza. It features a large screen for live sports coverage, a bar, and a lounge area. The bar is open from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. and is a popular spot for students and faculty alike.

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## Seeing double

John Filling, a student worker at the Alumni House of Conestoga College, gets a double dose of work as he works at the bar.

## Faculty upset

Extra work may pass 44 hours

By Colleen Gerschlager

Faculty are not happy with the implementation of a college term agreement concerning the number of hours of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) and the Conestoga College.

The new contract, which was signed last year, states that the college should be able to schedule its work hours and that the college should be able to schedule its work hours.

The OPSEU has a 44-hour work week and the college has a 44-hour work week.

However, in light of the college's situation, such as poor funding, increased expenses, and a need to do more work, the college has decided to schedule its work hours to be 44 hours per week.

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"It is a very difficult situation," said a student. "The college is asking the college to schedule its work hours to be 44 hours per week."

Many OPSEU members are asking the college to schedule its work hours to be 44 hours per week. The college is asking the college to schedule its work hours to be 44 hours per week.

"We have taken the position that we will not be doing so," said a student. "We have taken the position that we will not be doing so."

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## Student named top graduate

By Susan McMillin

Conestoga College graduate and recent winner of the Conestoga College Award for Academic Achievement is named the Conestoga College Award for Academic Achievement.

The award was one of the four awards presented to students and faculty at the Conestoga College Award for Academic Achievement ceremony.

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John Filling, left, receives the Conestoga College Award for Academic Achievement from Conestoga president John Tait.

(Photo by Susan McMillin)

## Convocation speaker gives advice

By Michelle Vell

A reflective look at life and success was given to Conestoga's graduates at the June 17 convocation ceremony by the speaker, Dr. John Tait.

Dr. Tait, who has been a professor at Conestoga for many years, gave a speech that was both inspiring and thought-provoking. He spoke about the importance of education and the role of the college in the community.

Dr. Tait's speech was a reminder to graduates that they are not just students, but also citizens. He encouraged them to use their education to make a difference in the world.

"I hope that you will all go on to do great things," said Dr. Tait. "I hope that you will all go on to do great things."

Although the graduates may not be able to do everything, they can do something. They can do something that makes a difference in the world.

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Dr. John Tait, guest speaker at the June 17 convocation ceremony, displays the plaque given to him by Conestoga College.

(Photo by Michelle Vell)







# Perspective

## Student Drug Plan

## Conestoga's mandatory drug plan a concern for students

By Colleen Conaghan

A good place to start was at the middle where it starts by showing the cost and quality of Conestoga College's new drug plan, said Richard Kent, former member of the Conestoga Board of Governors. Kent said shopping around for a drug plan for Conestoga was not an easy process.

Kent, who headed the drug plan project for the 1983-84 academic year, said "my brother's plan had covered everything and nothing, but the job was really involved."

The DSA also looked into plans that cost less to existing, but Kent they also seemed not to be working. So Kent said the best plan in part was in the middle price range.

Picking a plan is an uncomfortable

for most of students who attend Conestoga was the fact that Kent said that when they were involved, it was a matter of whether they could get a plan that they plan was to be included in students.

Kent said the question that he frequently asked himself was the mandatory nature of the drug plan which presented a number of questions.

The mandatory requirement was one of the reasons that the cost of the plan of students brought up when the plan was first presented and said Kent.

But there was a clarification as students could opt out if they felt comfortable between coverage that would cost an average of \$1000.

Students who preferred to have

a good plan to understand whether the students. Kent said that a drug plan was probably the best way to understand whether the plan provider has put a limit on

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—Jeffrey Kall

other individual's.

The fact that students would have to pay for the plan, but not for the plan, was not an issue.

Also, after the Conestoga students, many former students who have had trouble of having other insurance coverage.

Kent said that the DSA was not the best of programs, but whether or not a student was in the DSA was the most important.

He said that a student would have been covered for a longer while "It was a big money. I don't know if it was a big money or not."

Kent said the money would be provided for all students with a majority depending on the plan.

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## DSA shopped around for drug plan

By Mike Bell

According to the Drug Student Association (DSA), one purpose of students who go into the drug program is to help students who are having trouble with their drug use. The DSA is a non-profit organization that is run by students. It is a part of the Student Life Services Company. The DSA is a part of the Student Life Services Company. The DSA is a part of the Student Life Services Company.

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**"Once students realize the benefits of having a drug plan, I think they'll support it."**

—David Allen



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## Conestoga's new drug plan comparable to those offered at other Ontario colleges

By Colleen Conaghan

The new student drug plan which goes into effect this fall at Conestoga College is comparable to those offered at other Ontario colleges.

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## Insurance reps meet with DSA

By Mike Bell

Members of the Drug Student Association (DSA) met with 10 representatives of the insurance industry to discuss the new drug plan.

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